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Remarks

As noted above, Claim 6 is being amended to remove multiple dependency of the claim. Specifically, the dependency of the claim from claim 32 as originally numbered is cancelled. The subject matter corresponding to the cancellation of this improper dependency is presented in new claim 40. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment does not introduce new matter or new examination issues.

Because the Amendment filed December 18, 2003 cancelled four claims for which a fee had already been paid and did not add additional claims, no additional claim fee is believed to be necessary for the present amendment. If any fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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Conclusion

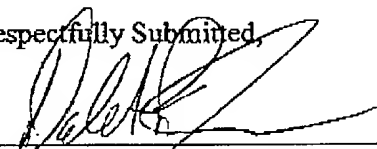
Applicants respectfully request that the application be withdrawn from issue, that the proposed amendments be entered, and that the application be passed to issue.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney if the Examiner has any questions at (651) 275-9811.

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